# Canterbury District

# Newsletter

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## From the Editor

The Newsletter is distributed by email every three months, and is also available to view on the Association website (www.kcacr.org.uk), in the **Canterbury District** section.

If you have any ringing-related news from your tower that you would like to feature in the newsletter, please send them to me at cantdistrictnews@gmail.com, or have a word with me if you see me at a meeting. It would be appreciated if all items could be with me no more than a week before the next Quarterly Meeting

*Jane*

Cover Image:
*St Mildred's Church, Preston-Next-Wingham*
*From David Cawley*

# Chairman's Message

Hi Everyone!

Hope you're doing well and keeping safe from this Coronavirus that is engulfing the country.

As you all probably know, we have had to cancel all meetings and service ringing until further notice so all I can say is keep safe and hope to see you soon.

Best wishes

Mike

# Secretary's Message

In line with Mike's comments please note that the next two district meetings, due to take place at Lyminge and Waltham, have been cancelled with the June meeting at Monkton likely to go the same way.

The KCACR AGM planned to be at St Nicholas Chislehurst on Easter Monday 13th April has also been postponed. We have had no information as yet to say how handbooks will be distributed to those members who requested them either direct or through me.

As news comes through it will be passed on to you via your tower contacts or direct by email.

Until we can all meet and ring again, stay healthy.

Tony

# Ringing Master's News

On the Saturday 8th of February we had a successful plain hunt and doubles practice at Ash. Last minute change from Sandwich, however we had 2 learners from Ash and 3 from Thanet. Very helpful to those who were learning and a big thank you to the ringers that came along and helped out!

John Haimes

# District News

## St Mary's, Chilham

The past 12 months has been a worrying year for the future of ringing at St Mary's, Chilham. We thought that we had lost Chris Godfrey as a ringer when he told us of his diagnosis about this time last year; September saw the exodus of 5 of our bright young ringers to their higher seats of learning - all far away; and two of our experienced ringers bought a house in Worcestershire and planned to move there permanently later in the year. That would have left us with only three regular ringers - not enough to prevent the eight bells of St Mary's falling permanently silent.

Forgive me for mixing metaphors but in December, our knight in shining armour, Ryder at the White Horse, magicked a most welcome light at the end of the tunnel. His persuasive powers produced five local people who dipped their toes in the water and found it surprisingly pleasant - mentally and physically stimulating, both in the tower and in the White Horse afterwards! And they are keen to learn more about this ancient art, and at the same time keep the tradition alive and well in Chilham. In this we have also had the invaluable help of Adam and Brian from Faversham and Ospringe who, with Peter, have been coming over and helping us on practice night. In addition, last week Chris Godfrey returned to us for the first time for a year, and rang more strongly than we had seen him ring for a long time. We are very pleased, both for his sake and for ours.

If you would like to help keep bellringing alive in Chilham, now is the time to learn.

We still need a minimum of three more ringers, and not only will that be good for St Mary's but it will be good for you too - good but not too strenuous physical exercise and co-ordination; and excellent, but not to taxing mental exercise too. It must one of the cheapest hobbies in Britain. It's free!

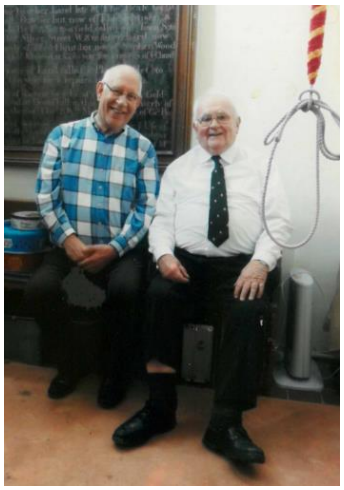
Please join us. Monday nights, 7.30pm at St Mary's Chilham, and afterwards (but not obligatory) in the White Horse.

Philip Bedford

# The Reverend Stanley Munro Evans 1930 – 2000 Vice-President of the K.C.A.C.R

With the passing to his rest of the Reverend Stanley Evans on December 16th 2019, the Diocese of Canterbury has been bereaved of one of its longest-serving and best loved Priests, and the Kent County Association of Change Ringers has lost one of its most iconic figures, former Chairman of Rochester and Canterbury Districts and a practising Vice President, as well as being a distinguished senior member of the Guild of Clerical Ringers.

Stanley – and one needed only to mention his Christian name and all would know who was meant – was born in the West Indies in the palmy years between the wars. His birthday, 21st April, he shared with pride with Princess Elizabeth, now our Queen. A few years ago he returned to the Bahamas to check out his birthplace, and whilst there he obtained Bahamian nationality. He was very proud of his two passports! When his parents returned to England the young Stanley was to grow up at Minster-in-Sheppey. His father was a Church Warden there, and Stanley was a Server. He maintained his Sheppey home until quite recent years. His father was a senior Councillor on Sheppey District Council. Stanley would often tell the story of father riding on the last train from Queenborough to Leysdown on the Sheppey Light Railway, now no more.



Stanley was educated at Borden Grammar School, near Sittingbourne, and over the years came to be held in such regard by old pupils that he was asked year after year, until quite recently, to conduct their annual reunion service. Approaching 14 he prepared for confirmation, and he was confirmed in Minster Abbey by Archbishop William Temple. It was during those confirmation groups in 1943 that the Vicar announced that the war-time ban on bell ringing was being lifted, and would they like to serve the church by learning to ring? The answer was at once clear to Stanley. He and his fellow-conscripts were “roped in”: under the direction of Mr Dobbie and the band of St Michael’s, Sittingbourne then learned the art, Stanley opining that it all came through good teaching. By the time that Stanley left school, he was Tower Captain at Minster Abbey, and had rung his first peal. One of his achievements is recorded on a tablet on the walls of Minster Abbey ringing chamber, proudly bearing the words ‘Stanley M. Evans, Captain’.

Stanley’s call to Ordination had come early, and he never wavered. Although he had two years’ National Service in the Royal Air Force (which he seemed to have enjoyed), it was King’s College, London which awarded him a place and where he was trained for the Ministry under Dean Eric Abbot. He did his fourth year training at St Boniface College, Warminster and graduated with an AKC. He was ordained in 1954 in Canterbury Cathedral by Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, and went to serve his first Curacy at St Oswald, Norbury, Croydon. After his years ringing with the University of London Society of Ringers, St Oswald’s with one Bell, offered little incentive for progress. In 1955 he was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Croydon.

Stanley’s return to Kent came in 1957, and to a 10-bell tower, St Laurence in Thanet in the Canterbury District. His great interest in recruiting and teaching ringers flourished: at the same time he was given the charge of St Christopher on the Newington estate, older residents of which remember him with affection. Here came his first encounter with the acquisition of Bells, for St Christopher’s had none at all. Stanley’s eye rested on the war-damaged St Paul’s Church, Ramsgate. Ascending its slender tower, the then silth-like curate located the very thing that St Christopher’s lacked. The rest is history.

The Rochester District rejoiced in 1963 when the appointment of Stanley Evans to be Vicar of St John the Baptist, Bredgar, was announced. Stanley and his mother moved into one of the oldest vicarages in the Diocese, more of a stately home, but he loved it. A bonus was that it was near to the scenes of Stanley’s

youth, and Mrs Evans had many old friends in the area. What was lacking was to be found in the tower, a historic but now virtually derelict ring of five with a 12-cwt tenor. There was also much else and more urgent work to be done in the church and in building up the congregation. There were, of course, no potential ringers to call upon. Stanley's philosophy was "If God wants this to happen, he will show the way" and by 1965 the Bells had reached the top of the list. The way forward was in part shown by Whitechapel's suggestion that the 19th-century tenor could be broken up and two trebles cast from the metal – and with 3-cwt left over to swell the fund. The church was packed with ringers and parishioners for the dedication of the restored ring of six. In due course Stanley additionally took over as Rector of the little parish of Hucking, high up in the Downs. Two Bells hung there, one very old, both in bad order - but not for long. They were soon ringing again for the first time in years. Care of the fine Victorian church of Bicknor also fell to Stanley, though he admitted defeat with its four steel Bells!

Towards the end of 1971, Stanley was considering the possibility of a move. Minster-in-Sheppey was in interregnum at the time and there was a strong temptation to talk to the Archbishop about it. It so happened that the Archbishop wanted to talk to Stanley at the same time – in this case about Westgate – on – Sea where there was also a vacancy. The result of the conversation was Stanley's notable 29-years as Vicar of St Saviour's to which he was instituted in February of 1972. Many of us who were there recall the impressive service, not least the performance on the end of the Bell rope. St Saviour's had one very ringable Bell, weighing 18-cwt, and the newly – instituted Vicar decided to ring the great Bell up. The Bell had other ideas, and Stanley decided to ring it down quickly. As the Church Warden said, "The Vicar went up in his robes and all!"

The story of the Bells of Westgate is too near our time to need a full repetition: suffice it to say that when they were offered – the Bells of Holy Cross Westgate for St Saviour Westgate – the usual philosophy applied: if God wanted them, he would show the way. He did. St Saviour's has one of the best sixes in Kent. But to Stanley there could have been no happier day than October 13th 1979 when those Bells rang out to celebrate his wedding with Miss Marie Carmichael, who was one of the senior sisters at the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, where Stanley was a frequent visitor. Marie had been an indefatigable friend and professional carer to Stanley's late mother, and so Stanley's friendship ripened into love. Marie was an Associate Member of the KCACR and was till recent years a regular attender at meetings where an increasing number of their friends would seek her out. And what a welcome she and Stanley would put on for the Canterbury District when we had our meetings at Westgate!

Retirement was a word alien to Stanley's and Marie's industrious personalities. Both of them had spent their lives in the service of others, and now it was time to hand over to others. A delightful bungalow had been obtained at Queen Bertha's Avenue, a select area of Ramsgate, and not too far from St Laurence – in – Thanet church where Stanley could continue to ring and to officiate at services. As a vice-president of the KCACR, Stanley would be present at all General Committee meetings right up to the last few years, and when stairs got too difficult, ground-floor rings had a special attraction. His last Quarter Peal was at St Margaret, Rochester, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of his election as a member of the Association: it was rung at the tower where he had rung his only peal as conductor (Grandsire Triples; Parker's 12-part).

Ringers had watched with sadness as Marie's health declined, and more recently Stanley's. His last appearance with the KCACR was on Easter Monday last year, when he still valiantly took his part in the Association's AGM service at Chilham. But the news of his illness and passing came as a great shock and the thoughts and prayers of many went out to Marie and to Stanley's family. The Funeral Eucharist at his beloved St Saviour's was attended by a packed congregation of ringers, parishioners past and present and all will have been impressed by the wonderful address given by Father Paul Blanch, Rector of Holy Trinity, Ramsgate, who ministered to Stanley as his long life drew to a close. Stanley's last words to Fr Paul are words to us all: "Au revoir: we shall meet again!"

*David Cawley*

# ST MILDRED'S CHURCH, PRESTON-BY-WINGHAM

Seventy years ago, 1950, there were a number of churches in the Canterbury District with five or more Bells where ringing had long since ceased. One of them, St James Dover (6 steel Bells) was demolished in 1953; on the border with Ashford, Boughton Aluph (5) sold their historic Bells for scrap in 1952. Of the rest – Canterbury Holy Cross (5), Chislet (6), Eastling (6), Elmsted (6), Godmersham (5), Preston-by-Wingham (5), Sandwich St Peter (8), Sheldwich (6), only Eastling, Elmsted and Sandwich remain unringable to-day. It was interesting to listen to older ringers speaking about some of these. Oldest I think was Sam Garner, elected to the Association from Ospringe in 1892 (and he remembered Ospringe Bells being installed the year before). He recalled ringing at St Peter, Sandwich – "lovely Bells but such hard work with all that tower movement". Frank Pack, also from Ospringe used to make up the band at Sheldwich, and recalled the incident in 1923 which resulted in two Bells crashing down. Bert Luck, our District Secretary was I think the last survivor of those who before the war had rung on the steel Bells at St James, Dover. Holy Cross Bells were rung in May 1972 before we took them out for transfer to Westgate, but the last recorded ringing before that was for the Association Centenary service in May 1930 ("and I never got the tower" said Bert Luck). Another well-respected veteran was Sidney Walter, tower captain at Wickhambreaux and at one time President of the Cathedral Company. He was a perfect gentleman and was kind enough to tell me about some of his exploits. Among them was Chislet, where Mears & Stainbank were called in in 1912: the Bells fell silent thereafter, and when they were rehung by Taylors in 1959, Sidney was in the band which rang them for the first time.

Among Sidney's other conquests was the little ring of five at Preston-by-Wingham. I remember visiting the tower early in 1964 after he had told me that the Kentish Gazette had reported that the three Bells of neighbouring Elmstone were being rehung. Alas, they were hung for chiming only, "and it would be a pity if Preston went the same way," said Sidney. He remembered ringing at Preston in 1905 - "it was one of the towers we visited whilst Wickhambreaux were being rehung." He recalled them as a sweet-toned little peal, ground-floor and just a little bit rough, but altogether he enjoyed them. He didn't know when ringing had ceased but felt that the Great War might have had much to do with it.

The Vicar of Preston, The Revd C T Spurling, was also Rector of Elmstone, and when in April 1964 I rang him to talk about my visit to Preston belfry, he was most anxious that I should see his rehung three(now hung 'dead') at Elmstone, so my first call was there. Cuthbert (he was known to all by his Christian name) was so proud of his bells – and yes, he did know the difference between chiming and ringing. He was also keen to tell me that the Elmstone three and the Preston five were both cast by Richard Phelps of Whitechapel in 1712. He didn't think Preston was very safe, but I was welcome to have a look. On arrival in the belfry I was greeted by a sight which could not have altered since Sidney Walter had rung there sixty years before. The five Bells of 1712 appeared and sounded in order, but the fittings (probably the same age) were now in a derelict condition. The timber frame had originally been for 4 bells and had been much weakened by the alteration required for 5. Interestingly, the Vicar had copied some excerpts from the parish records:

1692 Paid for casting the Bell...£14..8s..6d
For carrying the Bell to Sandwich and fetching it back...16s..6d
The hoyman for carrying the Bell to London...13s..6d
1695 Paid for 4 Belropes to Henry Sladden...12s
1702 Paid at two several times Thom Jeffery for the frame for the Bells…£18
1712 Paid the hoyman for Carrying ye ould Bells to London & bringing the new Bells home £1.5s
Sept. Paid the Bell founder ye expence of casting ye Bells...£51..8s..0d
Paid for sett of bell ropes.Paid for expences when ye Bells were first rung...3s..1d
Received from Mr Wyborn towards the expences abt ye Bells...£35

"and that", said the Vicar, producing further documents, "compares with this." The document was a report on Preston Bells from Mears & Stainbank of Whitechapel. They stated firmly that three courses of action were possible: to do nothing and continue 'clocking' the Bells with attendant risks; or to install a chiming apparatus at a cost of £146; or to tune and rehang the Bells in a new cast iron frame, six feet lower in the tower at a cost of £1220. The Vicar continued that presently there was no Mr Wyborn in view, and there

were, in any case, no ringers in the parish. Rather lamely, I said it was a lot of money, but if they decided to have the Bells rehung for ringing, I and friends would offer to teach volunteers to ring.

A couple of years later I was called upon to redeem my part of the pledge! The Vicar rang to say that Mears & Stainbank would be coming the following week in the shape of Harry Parkes to dismantle the Bells. Accordingly I went over the following week to find the Bells out, with the tenor found to be cracked – the best part of £200 being required to recast it, plus £70 increase in prices. All of which this valiant Vicar and his parishioners took on. The tenor was recast at Whitechapel in the autumn of 1966, and the Bells were installed with all new fittings in the new six-bell iron frame, ready for dedication by the Archdeacon of Canterbury in January 1967. I remember it as a bitterly cold night. But here was a good turnout of Canterbury district ringers, and when it came to the dedication ringing, Sidney Walters was in his place on a Bell which he had last rung sixty years before.

I did redeem my pledge, although that band has long since drifted apart. What did take me by surprise was the arrival of a letter some 15 years later from Joanna Passmore, whom I had taught to ring back in 1967. She was back in Preston and had started a new band. To encourage the ringers, it had been decided to investigate the possibility of a sixth Bell to fill the vacant pit in the frame. It so happened that the KCACR "heavy brigade" had lately removed the three Bells of Burham church, near Rochester which was being demolished. The treble of these was sitting in my vestry in Dover.

Like Preston's five Bells, it was cast by Richard Phelps, this one in 1700. Whitechapel had advised that we needed a Bell 25 to 25 ½ inches diameter – this one was 25 1/8. It was just the right size, weight and thickness to tune as the treble in six. Accordingly it was purchased from Rochester Diocese for £200: tuning and refitting cost £716. The 'new' Bell returned to Preston complete with bearings from Ash, the wheel and rope from Selling and a ceiling boss from Whitstable! It was fitted up and installed in one day by Richard and Dawn Offen and myself: in April, Cuthbert Spurling came out of retirement to dedicate the treble and inaugurate the ring of six.

| Bell | Note | Diameter | Inscription | Cwt | Qr | lb |
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| **Treble** | E | 25 1/8" | RICHARD PHELPS @ FECIT 1700 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| **2nd** | D | 27" | ROBERT WYBORNE GENT: BENEFACTOR<br>R: PHELPS FEC: 1712 | 3 | 1 | 22 |
| **3rd** | C | 29" | RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME 1712 | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| **4th** | B | 30 1/4" | RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME 1712 | 4 | 1 | 24 |
| **5th** | A | 33 1/2" | RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME 1712 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| **Tenor** | G | 36 1/8" | -- MR IOJN HARRISON WILLIAM LVCKIT CHVRCH WARDENS<br>RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME 1712 | 7 | 3 | 21 |

*David Cawley*

# St Saviour, Westgate

On Thursday January 16th a full peal was rung to celebrate the life of Revd Stanley Evans details as follows:-

5040 Doubles (5M) in 2h 42m

10 extents Grandsire 8 extents each of Reverse Canterbury St Simon's St Martins Plain Bob

1. Dorothe Steidinger
2. Douglas Neve
3. Tim Ford
4. Thomas Winter
5. Mike Little (C)
6. Freda Parker

Rung open in thanksgiving for the life and example of The Revd Stanley Munro Evans, (KCACR 1944-2019) Vice President of the KCACR for many years, whose funeral took place at this church which he served faithfully as Vicar for almost 30 years.

Stanley was also responsible for bells of Holy Cross Canterbury being transferred to Westgate in 1975 and also major work done to Bredgar bells while he was vicar there.

The band were either taught to ring by Stanley, rang at a Parish where he served as vicar or just knew him for a long time.

Rest in peace Stanley you will never be forgotten

*Mike Little*

# It was an old day in Ospringe

Little Bobby Minor skipped his way along the watery lane, dodging the puddles from the overnight rainfall.

He paused, knocked at the door and waited. A rough looking chap opened the door. "Are you Mr Grandsire?" "Might be" replied the charity shop fashion guru "wotsit about?". "Well sir it's about bell ringing, you know the hobby of millionaires".

"Sounds like your talking money me lad, Ill call me wife Sally, she's in the pool practising her backstroke". Mr Grandier shouted "Look to", and a lady with a remarkable resemblance to Anita Longsborough appeared dripping wet in the hall. Similar to Evita, Sally had learned how to swim with her curlers under her swimming hat. This added buoyancy and would also scare off any gulls that had landed in the hot tub. She sensed the reason for the urchins visit. "If this is about money – ain't got none, we're OAPs. We spent our Winter Fuel allowance on heating to help the climate emergency. "But, but." said the boy. "Don't you but me! You look an artful dodger and you're up to no good. I know a dodger when I see one, we have two mirrors in the back room". The lad tried to appeal to her better nature, stood as much chance as the Brexit bell ringing request.

"I've come her 'cos Mr Master said to deliver a message on the 2020 subs. He said you would make worth me while. That you would be so pleased they have only gone up 200% you would give me a sovereign, though given the recent news a ½ sovereign may be more appropriate"

*John Griffin*

# Minutes of Past Meetings

## The KCACR Canterbury District - Quarterly Meeting Saturday 11th January 2020 at St Mary Dover

Ringing began at Alkham at 10.30am under the guidance of the ringing masters and then moved to Dover at 11.30am.The Service at 12.30am was conducted by Peter Russell with Susan Record playing the organ. Lunch was served in the Church hall by the Dover and Eastry ringers.

1. **Welcome** - The chairman, Mike Little, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Dover. Members then stood in silence in memory of Matthew Nixon and Rev. Stanley Evans who both passed away in December.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Sue Bones, Mary Bridges, Allan Chandler, Airlie Fray, Andrew Hills, Cathryn Hills, Len Huckstep, Jane Huxley, Michael and Sam Keeler-Walker, Peter Russell, Patricia Rogers, Tessa Van der Vliet and Ian and Sarat White.

3. **Minutes of the last meetings** as printed in the January newsletter were taken as read on a proposal from Becky Holliday seconded by Felicity Lewis.

4. **Matters Arising**. There were no matters arising.

5. **Election of New Members**. There were no new ringers proposed for membership.

6. **Presentation of Certificates** - A certificate was presented to Peter Russell and others were handed out to fellow tower members for Mick Cairns, Lionel and Reece Carpenter, Mary Cross, Lorraine Holladay, Donna Holmes, Lynda Newing, Anthony Oliver and Jane and Phoebe Paterson. Certificates for all bands which entered the call change competition in September were also presented or handed out.

7. **Treasurer's Report 2019** - In Cathryn Hills' absence copies of the final balance sheet were passed out for members' perusal. The chairman thanked Cathryn for looking after the books. A copy of the balance sheet is attached to these minutes.

8. **The Collection** amounted to £33.65 split £16.83 to Dover and £16.82 to the BRF. As £10 was given to Alkham for the use of their bells earlier members agreed that £10 be deducted from the BRF portion.

9. **Forthcoming Events**:

Sat 18th January: District Surprise Major Practice at St Peter-in-Thanet from 7.30pm.

Sat 9th February: Ringing School - times to be arranged to suit students.
The ringing masters were suggesting a plain Royal school at St Lawrence-in-Thanet and a plain hunt/plain bob doubles school possibly at Sandwich. More details will be sent out as ideas are firmed up.

Sat 14th March: Bye meeting at Preston. Ringing at 11am. Service at 12.30pm followed by lunch, meeting and further ringing afterwards. Names for lunch to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Special methods: St Simon's Bob Doubles and St Clement's College Bob Minor. .

Sat 28th March to Sun 5th April: Quarter Peal Week.

Anyone wanting help with a first quarter or first in method, raising a band for a quarter or calling a quarter should contact the ringing masters as should other requests for help and guidance.

Saturday 18th April: Quarterly Meeting at Lyminge. Ringing at 3pm Service at 4.30pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

Special methods: Erin Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.

There would be two holiday practices at St Stephens:-

Wednesday 19th February and Wednesday 15th April from 10.30 until 12noon.

Easter Monday 13th April: County Annual General Meeting at Chislehurst.

There is to be a district outing in August instead of a meeting. Jo will be organising this. More details to follow.

10. **Report from the County Committee Meeting in November** - In the absence of anyone who attended the last meeting the secretary read out the salient points as published on the website. With regard to the rules of the call change competition being revised Jo had sent a copy of the rules, amended to follow the Canterbury District version, to the general secretary.

11. **Members achievements** - There was nothing to report.

12. **120 Club.**

Philip said that the New Year started in April. He would be sending out renewal letters in February or March.

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| 1st | £35 | No 53 | David Cawley | Various |
| 2nd | £25 | No 1 | Jill Elderton | Canterbury |
| 3rd | £10 | No 47 | Jane Paterson | Birchington |

13. **Any Other Business** - Andy Brett passed on a message from Cathryn Hills that subscriptions should be paid by the end of the month. The secretary had sent a form to all towers on which they could list their members and return it to him so he can update the membership database. He suggested they use the same form and send it to Cathryn with their payment.

A flyer publicising the ART conference in Derbyshire on 14th/15th March was mentioned.

Jen Thomas, who leads the Kent Young ringers, wished to thank Jo for hosting the KYR competition at Sturry in November. There was a lot of information on the website about the young ringers and she urged any tower with youngsters to contact Ben to find out details about joining the organisation.

**14. Vote of Thanks** - Becky Holliday gave the vote of thanks to Rev. Dr John Walker for use of the church and bells and all those involved in the organisation of the meeting.
Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

## Balance Sheet for 2019

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| Brought Forward | £22.03 | | | |
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| Subscription Account | | | | |
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| 125 Full members @ £10.00 | £1,250.00 | | Banked Bell Restoration Fund | £889.43 |
| 8 Junior members @ £5.00 | £40.00 | | Banked Subscription Account | £1,686.00 |
| 5 Student members @ £5.00 | £25.00 | | Engraving of County Six-Bell | |
| 91 OAP members @ £5.00 | £455.00 | | Trophy | £15.00 |
| 1 Associate @ £1.00 | £1.00 | | Young Ringers Food Donation | £10.00 |
| 2 Associate @ £5.00 | £10.00 | | Secretary's expenses | £60.00 |
| Arrears | | | Treasurer's expenses | £30.00 |
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# The KCACR Canterbury District - Bye Meeting
# Saturday 14th March 2020 at St Mildreds, Preston-next-Wingham

Ringing began at 11am under the guidance of ringing master Ben Legg. The service at 12.30pm was conducted by Peter Russell with Toby Huitson playing the organ. Lunch was served in the church by the District committee.

The chairman Mike Little, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Preston.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mary Bridges, Rev. David Cawley, Allan Chandler, Ann Davies, Airlie Fray, Paul Johnson, Stephen Marsh, Pauline Murrell, Phoebe Paterson, Peter Russell, Ian and Sarat White.

2. **Election of new members** - Peter Dale was proposed for re-election by Len Huckstep and seconded by Jo Horton. The ratification of membership for Kate Bispham was proposed by Stuart Palin and seconded by Jo Horton.
   The membership accepted these two proposals.

3. **Presentation of Certificates** - A certificate for Karen Bailey was handed out to members of her tower.

4. **The Collection** - amounted to £23.60 with £11.80 going to Preston and £11.80 to the BRF.

5. **Forthcoming Events**:-

   Saturday 18th April - Quarterly Meeting at Lyminge. Ringing at 3pm, Service at 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

   Special methods: Erin Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.

   Monday 13th April - Annual General Meeting at St Nicholas, Chislehurst. Details are on the county website.

   Saturday 9th May - Striking Competition at Waltham. Draw at 2.45pm, ringing at 3pm followed by Service. Tea will be served during the competition. There will be a short meeting at which the result will be announced. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

   An application form and a copy of the rules will be in the April Newsletter.

   Saturday 13th June - Bye Meeting at Monkton. Ringing at 3pm Service at 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible please.

   Saturday 11th July - Quarterly Meeting at Wingham. This is dependent upon work being carried out in the church.

   There is the suggestion that a new county call change competition may be organised in future years.

6. **120 Club Draw** - In the absence of the organiser the draw was held over until the next meeting. Renewal of membership is due on 1st April.

7. **Any Other Business** - Jo was to organise a district outing on Saturday 8th August to towers in Surrey recommended by Claire. Members should make their own way in cars.

There was a question about obtaining books now the bookstall had been abandoned by the county. Claire answered by saying that the district committee was hoping to reclaim the books recalled by the county committee from all the districts and set up an independent bookstall. This would be started after the AGM on Easter Monday.

Marilyn highlighted the situation at Ash where there is a lack of ringers. She suggested holding a regular monthly district practice on a Saturday morning open to all comers. This would be put into the April newsletter to gauge members' response.

9. **Vote of Thanks** - Claire Stay gave the vote of thanks to Rev. David Moulden for use of the church and bells and everyone involved with organising the meeting especially Jo and Len for the lunch. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

# District Quarter Peals & Peals

Peals and Quarter Peals rung from 1st January to 31st March 2020 are as follows:

| Date | Tower | Method | Conductor |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday, 2 January 2020 | Chartham (St Mary), Kent | 1272 Double Bob Minimus | William N Evans |
| Sunday, 5 January 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1320 Allestree Doubles | Michael Little |
| Monday, 6 January 2020 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent | 1260 Doubles (1p/3m) | Tony Martin |
| Friday, 10 January 2020 | Ospringe Ringing Chamber (St Peter and St Paul), Kent | 1272 Mixed Minimus (4m) | Stuart C Palin |
| Sunday, 12 January 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1320 Pink's Doubles | Michael Little |
| Thursday, 16 January 2020 | Westgate on Sea (St Saviour), Kent | 5040 Doubles (5m) | Michael J Little |
| Sunday, 19 January 2020 | Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent | 1260 Plain Bob Doubles | Flavia Faedo |
| Sunday, 19 January 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1320 Ladbroke Doubles | Tim Attride |
| Friday, 24 January 2020 | Sheldwich (St James), Kent | 1260 Grandsire Triples | Ali Ducker |
| Saturday, 25 January 2020 | Canterbury (St Dunstan), Kent | 1296 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (2m) | Cathryn M Hills |
| Sunday, 26 January 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1320 Zennor Doubles | Tim Attride |
| Saturday, 1 February 2020 | Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury Kent | 5055 Stedman Caters | Andrew M Hills |
| Sunday, 2 February 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1320 Keysoe Doubles | Tim Attride |
| Wednesday, 5 February 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Plain Bob Doubles | Michael Little |
| Friday, 7 February 2020 | Ospringe (St Peter and St Paul), Kent | 1344 Plain Bob Triples | Adam Moore |
| Friday, 7 February 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Plain Bob Doubles | Michael Little |
| Sunday, 9 February 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Grandsire Doubles | Michael Little |
| Monday, 10 February 2020 | Rodmersham (St Nicholas), Kent | 1272 London Surprise Minor | Philip H Larter |
| Friday, 14 February 2020 | Newnham (St Peter and St Paul), Kent | 1260 Plain Bob Doubles | Adam Moore |
| Saturday, 15 February 2020 | Selling (St Mary the Virgin), Kent | 1260 Grandsire Triples | Darren Elphick |
| Saturday, 15 February 2020 | Boughton under Blean (St Peter and St Paul), Kent | 1264 Plain Bob Major | Darren Elphick |
| Sunday, 16 February 2020 | Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent | 1260 Mixed Doubles (5m) | Len Huckstep |
| Sunday, 16 February 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Bosham Doubles | Tim Attride |
| Wednesday, 19 February 2020 | Dover (St Mary the Virgin), Kent | 1260 Stedman Triples | Christopher J Bassett |
| Saturday, 22 February 2020 | Boughton under Blean (St Peter and St Paul), Kent | 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (5m) | Andrew J Corby |
| Sunday, 23 February 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Graffham Doubles | Tim Attride |
| Saturday, 29 February 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Stoughton Doubles | Tim Attride |
| Sunday, 1 March 2020 | Thanington (St Nicholas), Kent | 1260 Doubles (1p/2m) | Tony Martin |
| Sunday, 1 March 2020 | Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent | 1260 Mixed Doubles (3m) | Jane E Huxley |
| Sunday, 1 March 2020 | Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury, Kent | 720 Plain Bob Minor | Andrew J Corby |
| Sunday, 1 March 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Oxford Six-Score Doubles | Tim Attride |
| Friday, 6 March 2020 | Broadstairs (St Peter the Apostle), Kent | 1260 Plain Bob Doubles | Mike Little |
| Sunday, 8 March 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Shropshire Bob Doubles | Tim Attride |
| Wednesday, 11 March 2020 | Lyminge (St Mary and St Ethelburga), Kent | 1320 Plain Bob Doubles | Ian Dodd |
| Thursday, 12 March 2020 | Great Chart (St Mary), Kent | 1344 Lincolnshire Surprise Major | Maureen A Poole |
| Friday, 13 March 2020 | Selling (St Mary the Virgin), Kent | 1290 Spliced Triples and Major (2m) | Stuart Palin |
| Sunday, 15 March 2020 | Canterbury (St Stephen, Hackington), Kent | 1320 Plain Bob Minor | Jane E Huxley |
| Sunday, 15 March 2020 | Canterbury (St Alphege), Kent | 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor | Andrew M Hills |
| Sunday, 15 March 2020 | Birchington (All Saints), Kent | 1260 Suffolk Place Doubles | Tim Attride |

# Canterbury District Officers

As of the 2019 Annual District Meeting, the officers of the Canterbury District currently stand as follows:

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| **Chairman** | Mike Little | 01843 791117 | quexmaster@hotmail.com |
| **Secretary** | Tony Martin | 01227 769686 | canterburysecretary@kcacr.org.uk |
| **Treasurer** | Cathryn Hills | 01795 533809 | (No calls after 8pm please) |
| **Assistant Secretary** | Rev. David Cawley | 01227 479871 | davidl.cawley@btinternet.com |
| **Ringing Master 1** | Ben Legg | 07818 434350 | benlegg87@hotmail.com |
| **Ringing Master 2** | John Haimes | 07714 860399 | johnhaimes@hotmail.com |
| **District Rep** | Jo Horton | 01227 711138 | jo.horton1260@gmail.com |
| **Newsletter Editor** | Jane Huxley | | cantdistrictnews@gmail.com |
| **120 Club Promoter** | Phil Elderton | | 120clubcanterbury@gmail.com |
| **Extra Three** | Len Huckstep | 01227 362733 | lenhuckstep@gmail.com |
| **Extra Three** | Michael Keeler-Walker | 01227 720121 | mckeeler@hotmail.co.uk |
| **Extra Three** | Claire Stay | | claire.stay@mac.com |

Make Sure to check out the District Facebook Page at
https://www.facebook.com/groups/canterburydistrict/

# 120 CLUB

KCACR Canterbury District

It has come to the end of the 2019/20 draw year. For those that do not know of the draw and would like to join all the information you need is shown below:-

The cost is £10 PER YEAR for each number you have for the year. We have 10 draws during the year with 3 prizes at each draw. We do not have a draw in February or August. At each draw 1st prize is £35, 2nd prize is £20 and 3rd prize is £10. Except for the draw at the Christmas social where the 1st prize is £100, 2nd prize is £30 and 3rd prize is £20. This means a total prize fund of £735. We currently only have 83 members, so this year we only made a profit of £95. In addition we have been instructed by the county committee that we must be registered with the local authority as a lottery. First application fee is £60, however I have paid this myself this year as a donation, and we will have an ongoing charge of £20 a year to renew this license. So for legal purposes the district 120 club is registered with Dover District Council reg no LN/000006687.

Below is a list of prize winners for the last draw year.

**April 2019**
1 35 Heather Wood, St. Peters
2 79 Mike Little, ASB
3 36 Janet Godfrey, Chilham

**May 2019**
1 75 John Sim, Hernhill
2 19 Jane Huxley, St. Stephens
3 88 St. Dunstans' Tower Fund

**June 2019**
1 117 Len Huckstep. St. Dunstans
2 75 John Sim, Hernhill
3 70 Sturry Tower Fund

**July 2019**
1 58 Angela Le Breton, W'breaux
2 75 John Sim, Hernhill (AGAIN)
3 64 Kim Curtis, Petham

**September 2019**
1 82 Mary Mannings, St. Dunstans
2 76 Clare Bellis, Chartham
3 51 Pauline Murrell, Thanington

**October 2019**
1 71 Samuel Keeler-Walker, W'breaux
2 36 Janet Godfrey, Chilham
3 84 Chris Godfrey, Chilham

**November 2019**
1 62 Jill Elderton, St. Dunstans
2 99 Ian White, St. Peters
3 9 Tony Martin, Thanington

**December 2019**
1 4 Rita Kennett, St. Stephens
2 80 Sue Bones, St. Peters
3 7 Simon Friend, Margate

**January 2020**
1 53 David Cawley, Petham
2 1 Jill Elderton, St. Dunstans
3 47 Jane Paterson, ASB

**March 2020**
Draw did not take place will happen at next meeting – date TBA

In the current situation the world finds itself in, there is currently no ringing or meetings taking place; however we felt we should continue with the renewals as usual. We shall hold multiple draws at the first district meeting when normality is resumed.

To save on postage and for ease, I will not be sending out individual renewal notices this year. If you would like a renewal form, please email the request to me and I will send respond accordingly.

So to renew, please find below the current members list for your number. If you would like to renew / join / or have additional number(s), simply post a cheque to me with your current numbers written on the back, cheques made payable to "KCACR Canterbury district 120 club". New members please write word new on the back. You can also send cash by post but not recommended. Or you can send using online banking, please put your current numbers as the reference, new members please use the word new as the reference. The account details are sort code 30-92-93, acc number 68654660.

It would be fantastic for all current members to renew and to get many more new members. To fill the empty spaces on the list. All profit from the draws goes to the BRF.

Any questions or for further info, feel free to email me 120clubcanterbury@gmail.com

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| 1 | Jill Elderton, St. Dunstans |
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| 3 | Brian Pollett, Wickhambreaux |
| 4 | Rita Kennett, St. Stephens |
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| 6 | John Haimes, Sturry |
| 7 | Simon Friend, Margate |
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| 9 | Tony Martin, Thanington |
| 10 | Sarat White, St. Peters |
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| 12 | Malcolm Barden, Ash |
| 13 | Mike Little, ASB |
| 14 | Judy Young, Dover |
| 15 | Len Huckstep, St. Dunstans |
| 16 | Becky Holiday, Cathedral |
| 17 | Marilyn Barden, Ash |
| 18 | David Claringbold, Wickhambreaux |
| 19 | Jane Huxley, St. Stephens |
| 20 | Anthony Bridges, St. Peters |
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| 22 | Jane Duckworth, St. Dunstans |
| 23 | Enid Dixon, St. Stephens |
| 24 | Jim Mitchell, Wickhambreaux |
| 25 | Robyn D'Albertanson, Chartham |
| 26 | Len Huckstep, St. Dunstans |
| 27 | Gary Styles, Wickhambreaux |
| 28 | Wendy Brown, Sturry |
| 29 | Christine Le June, Wickhambreaux |
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| 32 | Catherine Davis, St. Dunstans |
| 33 | Peter Freeman, All Saints Whitstable |
| 34 | Waltham Tower Fund |
| 35 | Heather Wood, St. Peters |
| 36 | Janet Godfrey, Chilham |

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| 37 | Michael Keeler-Walker, Wickhambreaux |
| 38 | Annette Garner, Boughton |
| 39 | Douglas Neve, ASB |
| 40 | Phoebe Paterson, ASB |
| 41 | Jane Chaloner, Thanington |
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| 43 | Jo Horton, Sturry |
| 44 | Jane Chaloner, Thanington |
| 45 | Herne Tower Fund |
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| 47 | Jane Paterson, ASB |
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| 49 | Brenda Davies, St. Stephens |
| 50 | Adam Redgwell, St. Stephens |
| 51 | Pauline Murrell, Thanington |
| 52 | Romany Cowans, Bekesbourne |
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| 54 | David Cawley, Petham |
| 55 | Becky Holiday, Cathedral |
| 56 | Allan Chandler, ASB |
| 57 | Stephen Marsh, Sturry |
| 58 | Angela Le Breton, Wickhambreaux |
| 59 | Tina Bouldin, Sturry |
| 60 | Bekesbourne Tower Fund |
| 61 | David Burton, Wickhambreaux |
| 62 | Jill Elderton, St. Dunstans |
| 63 | Bill Evans, Chartham |
| 64 | Kim Curtis, Petham |
| 65 | Paul Curtis, Petham |
| 66 | Jill Elderton, St. Dunstans |
| 67 | Alice Hillman, Wickhambreaux |
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| 69 | Gill Moon, Bekesbourne |
| 70 | Sturry Tower Fund |
| 71 | Samuel Keeler-Walker, Wickhambreaux |
| 72 | Ann Davies, Sturry |

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| 74 | Sue Bones, St. Peters |
| 75 | John Sim, Hernhill |
| 76 | Clare Bellis, Chartham |
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| 78 | Allan Chandler, ASB |
| 79 | Mike Little, ASB |
| 80 | Sue Bones, St. Peters |
| 81 | Emma Edwards, Elham |
| 82 | Mary Mannings, St. Dunstans |
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| 84 | Chris Godfrey, Chilham |
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| 87 | Maureen Cooke, All Saints Whitstable |
| 88 | St. Dunstans Tower Fund |
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| 92 | Petham Tower Fund |
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| 99 | Ian White, St. Peters |

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| 100 | Wickhambreaux Beer Kitty |
| 101 | Andy Brett, St. Dunstans |
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| 105 | Liz Shearman, Lyminge |
| 106 | Mary Bridges, St. Peters |
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| 110 | Tessa Van Der Vliet, Dover |
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| 125 | Lyminge Tower Fund |

As you can see plenty of tickets available. If will fill all 125 (a few years ago we had 125 members), we could raise over £500 for the BRF.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Phil